

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is an example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

The license granted by the public to use the public's resource, via the FCC, to media corporations, involves a trust. The trust is to use that gift in a way which is beneficial to the public in general. Payed advertising is permitted in the trust only to the extent that it pays for the goods provided by Pappas to the public. It is not in Pappas' remit to give away the public gift to one Party.

It seems reasonable that Pappas should be able to offer free airtime to political causes, so long as that airtime were balanced, and so could be seen as educational and therefore to the public's benefit. Thank you.